

[2021 NOAA in the Caribbean Biannual Meeting](#)

Wednesday, September 22 9AM-12PM ET

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8:40 AM - Video/Audio Check with All Presenters

9-9:15 AM: Welcome remarks and updates about NOAA in the Caribbean

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of NOAA in the Caribbean and Recent Stakeholder Meetings

9:15-10:15 AM: Session 1 - Climate and Equity

- Panelist 1: Letise LaFeir, Senior Advisor, NOAA
 - **Presentation Title:** *Making Equity Central to NOAA's Climate Work*
- Panelist 2: Kim Waddell, Project Lead, USVI Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan
 - **Presentation Title:** *Addressing Inequities in Hazard Mitigation Planning for the USVI*
- Panelist 3: Pablo Méndez-Lázaro, Associate Professor, University of Puerto Rico
 - **Presentation Title:** *Climate Change, Public Health and Well-being in the Caribbean*
- Panelist 4: Luis Cruz-Arroyo, Caribbean Area Director, USDA-NRCS
 - **Presentation Title:** *NRCS: The Role of Conservation Planning in Climate Mitigation and Social Equity*
- **Q&A with Panelists**

10:15-10:30 AM - BREAK

10:30-11:55 AM: Session 2 - Citizen Science and Community Engagement

- **Talk 1: 10:30-10:45 AM**
 - **Speaker:** Shamoy Bideau, University of the Virgin Islands
 - **Presentation Title:** *Fate Tracking-Effectiveness of Antibiotic Treatment on Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease Lesions.*
- **Talk 2: 10:45-11:00 AM**

- **Speaker:** Odalys Martínez-Sánchez, Senior Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service
- **Presentation Title:** *The Role of Citizen Science during Droughts.*
- **Talk 3: 11:00-11:15 AM**
 - **Speakers:** Ernesto Olivares, Education Coordinator, Jobos Bay NERR
Aitza Pabón-Valentín, Director, Jobos Bay NERR
 - **Presentation Title:** *Puerto Rico's Water Quality Monitoring Day: a citizen science special event & JBNERR's mentoring of Villalba's Residential Center for Educational Opportunities*
- **Talk 4: 11:15-11:30 AM**
 - **Speaker:** Kristin Wilson Grimes, Research Assistant Professor, University of the Virgin Islands
 - **Presentation Title:** *Citizen Science Mangrove Research and Restoration Efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands*
- **Community Discussion/Q&A: 11:30AM - 11:55 AM**

11:55-12 PM: Concluding remarks